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Missing Hiker 15-4753

Monday, May 18, 2015, Presque Isle, WI – Vilas County

On Sunday at 1:44 pm, the Vilas County 911 center received a call reporting a lost hiker in the Katherine Wolter Wilderness area of Presque Isle, WI. The two men had been hiking and taking wildlife photographs. They split up and were going to meet back at the parking area for lunch.

78 year old, Donald Gaines of Blue Mounds, WI, wearing a maroon rain jacket, dark shirt and a canvas hat carrying a camera with a tripod has not returned and is still missing. Both parties are familiar with the trails in this area.

Presque Isle, Boulder Junction, Arbor Vitae and Winchester Fire personnel and EMS are assisting with ground searches. Newbold Search and Rescue Headwaters Search and Rescue, Wisconsin DNR Wardens and Rangers are also assisting with the search. Vilas County Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office personnel are involved with the search as well.

8:48PM 05-17-2015

UPDATE Monday, May 18, 2015

At 1:58 AM 78 year old, Donald Gaines of Blue Mounds, WI has been found by search and rescue personnel and he is in good condition.

We would like to thanks all of the search and rescue personnel that assisted with this search. We have been fortunate to have these resources available to us during this

emergency situation.

Joseph A. Fath, Sheriff